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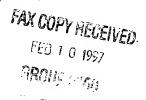
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Enclosed is another declaration (from Ken Newgard, M.D.). Please deliver it to Examiner Gibson in Art Unit 2111 as soon as possible.

Please extend the time period for filing an Appeal Brief by one month (until March 2, 1997) and please charge the fees therefor to Deposit Account No. 16-2435.

Thank you.



## **MESSAGE FOR EXAMINER GIBSON:**

As we discussed today, enclosed is another declaration. Also, as we discussed, we would be willing to add claim 6 to claim 1, claim 11 to claim 10, claim 16 to claim 15, and cancel claims 20-22 (all claims as in the Rule 116 response filed September 24, 1996 by fax).

I look forward to hearing from you today after lunch. Thank you for your assistance.

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